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Heinz, citing 'spy nest,' wants U.N. aid halted

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WASHINGTON — Sen. John Heinz (R., Pa.) has proposed that the United States cut off all of its contributions to the United Nations until the international body cleans up the "Soviet spy nest" in its midst.

Heinz, who has supported the United Nations in the past, on Monday cited a May 1985 espionage report by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and said, "It's time to get the KGB out of the United Nations."

The report said that about one-

fourth of the Soviets at the U.N. Secretariat were intelligence officers. About 800 Soviets now work at the United Nations.

"Even though Nick Daniloff is free, I don't think that we should forget why he was taken hostage in the first place," Heinz said Monday on the Senate floor. "We have to put the strongest possible pressure on the secretary-general to clean up what has become a Soviet spy nest."

The U.N. secretary-general, Javier Perez de Cuellar, heads the U.N. Secretariat, which has a worldwide staff of 22,000 from about 150 countries.

Gennadi Zakharov, a Soviet U.N. employee, was arrested in New York on Aug. 23 on espionage charges. A week later, Daniloff was arrested in Moscow on suspicion of spying.

Heinz urged the Senate to eliminate \$385 million in U.N. funds from the \$556 billion spending bill that it is wrestling with for fiscal 1987, which began today.

The spending bill is among the unfinished business that Congress must resolve before adjournment, scheduled later this week.

The intelligence committee report

said that more than 90 percent of the money for salaries for Soviet personnel in the U.N. Secretariat came from the contributions of member states.

The committee report also said the Soviet Union received an estimated \$20 million a year from the salaries of Soviet U.N. employees.

According to the report, the Soviet government requires each of its employees to turn over his entire U.N. paycheck to the Soviet mission. The clerk then pays the employee what he would receive in the Soviet Union, plus 10 percent.

Those who live outside the Soviet compound get an apartment allowance, the report said. The Soviet mission then keeps the balance, it said.

Citing that practice and the report's charges that the Soviets recruit and gather intelligence through their U.N. employees, Heinz said that "until the U.N. is committed to cleaning up its own house," the United States should cut off funds to the international body.

Heinz accused the Soviet Union of "theft of American secrets through our funding," and added, "I call that feeding the hand that bites you."